

Help Me Out Here

Senator Barbara Boxer replied to my recent letter to her stating my concerns over your efforts to ease restrictions on media ownership. Her primary concern is that you plan to issue these changes "without giving Congress - or anyone - the opportunity to review them."

If it is, as you have stated, our responsibility as mandated by Congress to prove that relaxation of these rules will detrimentally impact media, I'm confused as to when we will have the opportunity to do so, and reverse these changes if we - as owners of the airwaves - feel it is necessary to do so.

I think Clear Channel has clearly demonstrated that further relaxation is not only unnecessary, but actually proves that more regulation is needed, with a reversal of the 1996 Telecommunications Act. But if you need more evidence, turn on your television and scan through the hundreds of channels and their breathless offers of hair removal, rock-hard abs, and toned thighs and buttocks, all courtesy of deregulation by the Reagan administration.

I await your response, although - like Senator Boxer - I still haven't received a response to my last letter.

Sincerely,

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